

known, may be placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology in accordance with the provisions of Article 38 in the sense as though certain specified species were their type-species.

WITHDRAWAL OF THE PROPOSAL TO SUPPRESS THE GENERIC NAME
PUPA RÖDING, 1798. Z.N.(S.) 581

(see volume 18, pages 372-373)

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In *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 19 : 258 pp. several authors have rejected my proposal concerning *Pupa* Röding because it is too late to change. May I explain that my application was presented in 1951 as a direct reaction to the proposal by Winckworth in 1945 of the family name PUPIDAE, which I found could hardly be tolerated when that same name had been used even in the *Zoological Record* up to 1931 for a family of pulmonates.

In the meantime, rules for family names have been established which will forever sink Winckworth's name PUPIDAE into synonymy, and the name *Pupa* Röding has penetrated further into the literature. My reason for not withdrawing the whole proposal when I finally got the proofs of it, is the idea that it was better to ask my colleagues all over the world for their opinion instead of deciding myself. Now, when the answer seems to be unanimous, I hereby withdraw my proposal on the name *Pupa* Röding.

COMMENT ON PHASMIDAE vs. PHASMATIDAE. Z.N.(S.) 1167

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I strongly support Dr. Key's original request and Mr. Hemming's comment to the effect that PHASMIDAE be corrected to PHASMATIDAE. Article 29 and Article 32 of the new Rules give a clear and unambiguous guide to practice, which should only be upset for the gravest reasons. There do not appear to be any such reasons in this case. Posterity has an indefinite future compared to which a few years incorrect usage ought not to weigh. In applying the last clause of the Preamble of the Rules, one hopes, the Commission looks not only to the individual case but to the stability of nomenclature as a whole : suspension of the Rules for trivial reasons will serve stability ill, for it will undermine the authority of the Rules on whose universal and automatic implementation real, long term stability wholly depends.